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ON THE PLANET MOBIUS, THE MOST VOLATILE VOLCANO...
...IS THE ONE CALLED MT. MOBIUS.
TODAY, LAVA FLOWS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO, AND IT IS CLEAR THAT AN ERUPTION IS NEAR.
IT'S NOT A PLACE YOU WANT TO BE.
UNFORTUNATELY FOR MILES PROWER, KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS TAILS...
...HE HAS VERY LITTLE CHOICE IN THE MATTER.


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I'VE JUST GOT TO BE EXTRA-VIGILANT--
--EXTRA-CAREFUL--
EXTRA--
WHOAH!
WHUUNG
NO! ANOTHER ONE OF METALSONIC'S TRAPS!



AND THE MORE I STRUGGLE TO GET FREE--
OH, THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT I WAS AFTER!
--THE TIGHTER THE NET GETS!
AND I AIN'T TALKIN' ABOUT THE WORLD WIDE WEB!
METALSONIC, YOU HATE ME, FINE. BUT YOU HAVE ME. WHY NOT LET TAILS GO?
BECAUSE HE'S YOUR FRIEND AND ALLY. BECAUSE MAKING HIM SUFFER--
--MAKES YOU SUFFER. AND MAKES ME HAPPY.
YOU JUST MADE ME EVEN MADDER THAN I WAS, SCREW-TOP--
--AND THAT MEANS, NO MATTER HOW CUT UP I GET--
--I'M GONNA BEAT YOU AT YOUR OWN GAME!
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LIKE I SAID, I'M GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO WIN THAT GAME AND SAVE YOUR FRIEND.
IT'S JUST THAT YOU HAVE TO PLAY BY MY RULES.
WHICH I CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME I--
GLOAT ON YOUR OWN TIME, 'BOTBOY. I'M OUTTA HERE.
HEY! DON'T RUN OFF WHEN I'M TRYING TO MAKE A SPEECH!
EAT MY DUST!
FWOOSH
YES, YES, YOU'RE QUITE THE SPEEDY HEDGEHOG.
BUT I'M YOUR ROBOTIC DOPPLE-GANGER--AND I'M FASTER THAN YOU, NOT TO MENTION STRONGER...
...AND I MAKE A BETTER CHILI-DOG!
AND DID I MENTION--
--THAT I'M FASTER?

A LITTLE LATER...
CAN'T LET HIM YANK MY CHAIN. I'VE GOTTA JUST THINK ABOUT SAVING--
NO! I'M GOING TOO FAST--
--TO STOP IN TIME!
TRIP
DARE I SAY--
--"HAVE A NICE TRIP?!"
BWAMP
WHOA-- WHO STARTED THE FOREST SPINNING?

AH, SONIC, THIS IS THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD SINCE REBUILDING MYSELF.
NOW HOW ABOUT A REAL CHALLENGE--
--LIKE MY CYBERNETIC SHREDDER BLADES?!
THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF LETTING ME RESCUE TAILS?
AS I SAID--I MAKE THE RULES --AND CHANGE THE RULES!
THAT WAS JUST TO REMIND YOU THAT NO FLESH-AND-BLOOD CREATURE CAN STOP A ROBOT AS ADVANCED AS I.
THE SHEER POWER HE'S GOT--! REMINDS ME--
"--OF WHEN I WAS MECHA SONIC.[2]
"BUT, EVEN THEN, I FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN MY HUMANITY--WHAT LITTLE OF IT WAS LEFT.[3]"
HE'S UNBEATABLE.
OR IS HE--?!
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IF I CAN TAKE THE METALMEISTER OUT OF COMMISSION FOR EVEN A LITTLE WHILE--
--I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO SAVE TAILS!
STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TAKING YOU OFF-LINE!
THERE! A LITTLE LEFTOVER NETTING FROM ONE OF THE TRAPS YOU SPRUNG ON ME--
--AND YOU'RE ALL TIED UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS PACKAGE!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THIS CLEVER, SONIC.
YOU MAY HAVE ACTUALLY WON!
THAT WAS TOO EASY. HE MUST HAVE THE SNEAKIEST SET-UP OF ALL PLANNED!
I'VE GOT TO BE MORE ALERT THAN EVER!

THE HEROIC HEDGEHOG MAKES HIS WAY UP THE EVER STEEPER MOUNTAIN.
BUT AS HE GETS CLOSER TO HIS GOAL...
LAVA! AND LOTS OF IT!
IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO TAILS, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF...
...OR METALSONIC. I'LL MAKE HIM PAY!
HOLY COW! THIS IS SERIOUS LAVA FLOW! THE WHOLE SHEBANG'S GONNA GO ANY MINUTE!
GOT TO TIME THIS MOVE JUST--
--RIGHT!
YEAH!
AND UP AHEAD--
--TAILS! I'M HERE, BUDDY!
I-I KNEW YOU'D GET HERE, SONIC!
NEVER ANY DOUBT, KIDDO!


AWRIGHT! I HAVE CIRCULATION IN MY WRISTS AGAIN!
THAT LAVA'S CIRCULATING PRETTY GOOD, TOO!
WE BETTER MOVE FAST OR--
--OR METALSONIC WILL GET FREE AND CATCH UP?
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D STOPPED ME, SONIC?
NO MORE MIND GAMES, METALMORONIC!
LET'S GET HIM, TAILS!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TURN HIM INTO TALKING SCRAP!
FWKAAAM
FWKAAAM
UHH!
GROW UP, TAILS! IT'S A CRUEL WORLD!
AAGH!
METALSONIC... LISTEN TO ME...
I'M LISTENING TO YOUR MOANS OF PAIN... AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYING THEM.

LISTEN... I DO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A ROBOT. I WAS ONE.
BUT YOU GAVE UP THE GIFT, YOU FOOLISH HEDGEHOG!
BECAUSE I FOUGHT MY PROGRAM-MING!
YOU'RE RIGHT, METALSONIC. YOU ARE FASTER AND STRONGER THAN ME.
AS I'VE BEEN PROVING ALL DAY.
BUT WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO YOU? THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN THAT.
THERE'S FRIENDS AND FEELINGS AND JUST THE JOY OF BEING ALIVE!
WHY WOULD I EMBRACE WEAK-NESS WHEN I HAVE STRENGTH AND POWER?!
BECAUSE IT'S NOT WEAKNESS! A BEING'S FEELINGS, ITS SPIRIT, IS THE GREATEST THING THERE IS!
THE PRATTLING OF A DOOMED HEDGEHOG!
IT'S NO USE. YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND!
BUT YOU WON'T WIN, EITHER.
TAILS! I'M GONNA KEEP METAL-BRITCHES HERE BUSY! YOU FLY AWAY! NOW!
NO WAY! I'M NOT LEAVIN' YOU!

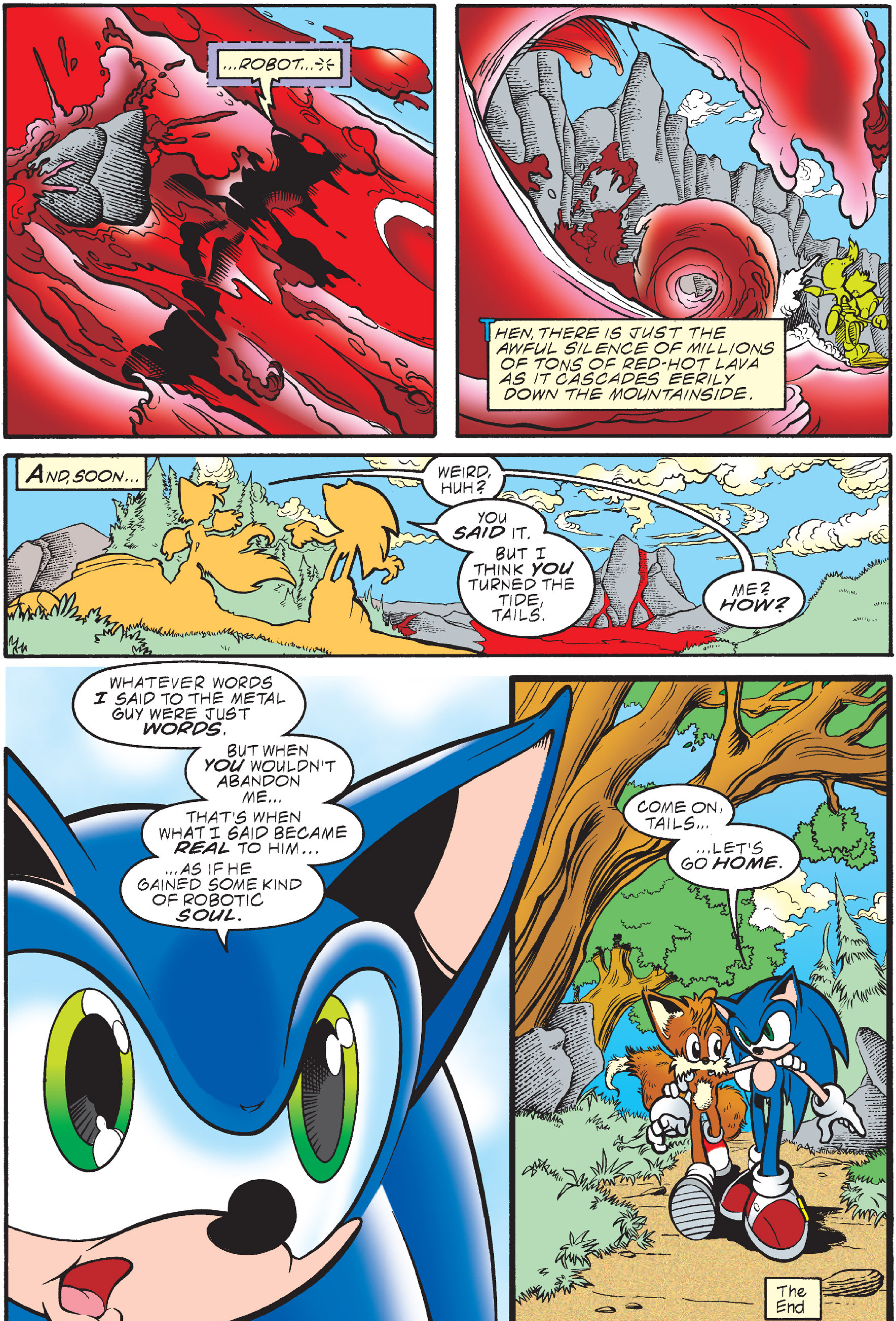



THIS IS WHERE FEELINGS GET YOU. YOU'RE BOTH DOOMED, NOW!
NO, WE'RE NOT!
SO, YOU'RE DESERTING YOUR FRIEND AFTER ALL!
NO! I'M COMING TO BE AT HIS SIDE--
--SO WE CAN STOP YOU TOGETHER!
...
THE GROUND!
TAILS-- FLY AWAY BEFORE--
RRRUUUMMBLL
TOO LATE! I'M TRAPPED!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US, LITTLE BUDDY!
KWUMP
BE BRAVE, TAILS!
YOU, TOO, SONIC!
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...



FWAAKAM
FWAAKAM
I'M FREE! THANKS TO... METAL-SONIC?!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US!
NO TIME TO ASK WHY! THE VOLCANO'S ERUPTING FULL FORCE! IT'S ALL LAVA ALL THE TIME!
GO! I'LL HOLD THE LAVA BACK FOR YOU!
HOW?
LIKE THIS!


SHOOOOOOSSH
NOW, GET OUT OF HERE-- BOTH OF YOU!
EVEN I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY!
THIS... THIS ISN'T A TRICK, IS IT?
YOU... YOU WERE RIGHT, SONIC.
I NEVER REALIZED ...UNTIL NOW... THAT I COULD BE MORE THAN MY PROGRAMMING...
...MORE THAN A ROBOT... BECAUSE I FELT COMPASSION--
--NOW, GET OUT OF HERE!
SONIC--MY ROTOR-TAILS ARE HURT--I CAN'T FLY!
I GOT YA!
CAN'T WE SAVE METAL-SONIC, TOO?
NO, THAT WOULD DOOM US ALL! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! REMEMBER, I'M A ROBOT...
...A POWERFUL... UNFEELING...


...ROBOT...
THEN, THERE IS JUST THE AWFUL SILENCE OF MILLIONS OF TONS OF RED-HOT LAVA AS IT CASCADES EERILY DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE.
AND, SOON...
WEIRD, HUH?
YOU SAID IT.
BUT I THINK YOU TURNED THE TIDE, TAILS.
ME? HOW?
WHATEVER WORDS I SAID TO THE METAL GUY WERE JUST WORDS.
BUT WHEN YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON ME...
THAT'S WHEN WHAT I SAID BECAME REAL TO HIM...
...AS IF HE GAINED SOME KIND OF ROBOTIC SOUL.
COME ON, TAILS...
...LET'S GO HOME.
The End

MONKEY KHAN IN AGAINST THE HAUNTED PAST
PART TWO
KAR LEUNG-- TEMPLE OF THE GOLDEN LOTUS...
AH, WHAT FOOLS THESE MONKEYS BE...!
Hahahahahahaha! OH, DON'T LOOK SO SHOCKED--
--YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD ACTUALLY EVADE ME FOREVER, DID YOU?
FRANK STROM WRITER-PENCILER
HARVO INKER
VICKIE WILLIAMS LETTERER
FRANK GAGLIARDO COLORIST
J.F. GABRIE WAZ HERE!
I FIGURED YOU'D BE TOO BUSY EATING TO NOTICE ME.
SILENCE, running dog!
CALL IT A HAPPY ACCIDENT. I WAS ALREADY IN THE MIDST OF INVADING KAR LEUNG, WHEN LO AND BEHOLD I FIND YOU, MY LONG FORGOTTEN PRODIGAL SON!


NATURALLY, I WAS FURIOUS TO LEARN SALLY ACORN HAD FREED YOU FROM MY CONTAINMENT CELL '...
...BUT THEN NOSTALGIA SET IN. YOU WERE, WITHOUT A DOUBT, MY FINEST CREATION!
ONE THAT COULD BE OF GREAT USE TO MY CAUSE, IF ONLY YOU COULD BE CONTROLLED.
WHICH BRINGS US TO THE TOPIC OF THE OPERATION! YOU MAY PROCEED, MY ROBOTICIZED GENERAL HUNN!
Aye, Lord Robotnik!
The procedure is horrifyingly simple...
...three microscopic transmitters fused to the brain should override any pesky free will...
AAARRGGGHH!!
FFZZZRRCH!
...allowing for total control of the Monkey Khan!


RRRUUUMBLE
KRAKA KOOOOM!
First transmitter secured, my lord.
EXCELLENT! THE LITTLE SIMIAN WILL SOON BE AS DOCILE AS...
KRAH-KOOM!
DON'T CONGRATULATE YOURSELF YET, RUSTBUCKET!
I'M NOT ABOUT TO SIT STILL WHILE YOU TAKE AWAY MY BASIC FREEDOMS!
GOOD GRAVY! WHERE DID THIS POWER COME FROM? HE WAS STRONG BEFORE, BUT NOT...!
THE SECRET'S IN THE POWER RING HEADBAND, TUBBY--
--IT ACTS AS A SUPER BATTERY FOR MY CYBERNETIC...
uh-oh.


Hahaha! SWATBOTS? IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO? I EAT GUYS LIKE THIS FOR BREAKFAST NOW!
FWUMP!
GRRR! OUTDATED OLD TIN CANS! HAVEN'T WE GOT ANYTHING BETTER, HUNN?
SEND IN REINFORCEMENTS! STOP HIM! STOP HIM!
THAT'S MY CUE TO VAMOOSE...!
ROBOTNIK'S REALLY SET UP SHOP HERE--TURNED THE WHOLE TEMPLE INTO A FACTORY FOR HIS ROBOTIZATION MACHINERY!
HE'LL ROBOTICIZE ALL OF KAR LEUNG IF I DON'T PUT A STOP TO IT FAST!
ZZARK!
POWER CENT
GOTTA FIND THE POWER CENTER BEFORE THESE 'BOTS FRY ME TO A CRISP!
ZZOWWH!


HURRRRMMMMMMMM
BINGO! THE CORE GENERATOR--THE HEART OF THE ENTIRE FACTORY!
The monkey's found the POWER CENTER, my lord! What should we do?
SEND MORE SWATBOTS AFTER HIM, YOU BOOB! BUT TELL THOSE IDIOTS TO BE CAREFUL...
"...THE GENERATOR EQUIPMENT IS HIGHLY VOLATILE!"
LESSEE--HOW TO DISABLE THIS BABY WITHOUT CAUSING A...?
ZZZZORCH
ZOWWW
HERE THEY COME--LIKE BULLS IN A NUCLEAR CHINA SHOP!
FWOOOM!
THOSE FOOLS HIT THE GENERATOR! THE WHOLE PLACE IS GONNA BLOW SKY HIGH!!


IF I CAN SLIP THROUGH THIS AIR VENT, I MIGHT MAKE IT OUT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...!
KRA-GOOOM!
ARRGH! MY BEAUTIFUL FACTORY--RUINED BEYOND REPAIR!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE WON, MONKEY BOY. KAR LEUNG IS YOURS.
OF COURSE, I'D ALREADY FINISHED ROBOTICIZING THE TOWNSFOLK BEFORE YOU REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS. THEY'LL BE COMING WITH ME.
BUT YOU DID GAIN VICTORY, AND TO THE VICTOR, THE SPOILS: A BURNING GHOST TOWN.
ENJOY!
END